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SEN. RICHARD B. RUSSELL, D-ALA., SAID SATURDAY THE BEST WAY TO AVOID A NIGHT OVER A CONTROVERSIAL CIA "FACED" RESOLUTION IS TO REJECT THE PROPOSAL COMPLETELY. RUSSELL, CHAIRMAN OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE SERVICES, IS A LEADING OPPONENT OF THE PLAN TO COMMIT A ROLE IN SUPERVISING THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY'S ACTIVITIES. HE SAID IN AN INTERVIEW THAT HE SAW NO GROUNDS FOR COMPROMISING THE ISSUE.

DEMOCRATIC LEADER MIKE MANIFESTED TOLD NEWSMEN THAT ANY COMPROMISE "LOOKS DOUBTFUL." MANIFESTED HAS BEEN TRYING TO AVOID A FLOOR BATTLE OVER THE SUBJECT OF THE BIG BAY OF PIGS ACTIVITIES. HE ADMITTED, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS "MAKING NO DARTS." HE SAID HE DID NOT EXPECT ACTION ON THE CIA ISSUE THIS WEEK BUT WOULD NOT POSTPONE A FLOOR SHOWDOWN FOR VERY MUCH LONGER.

RUSSELL CLAIMS HE HAS THE NECESSARY VOTES TO CONFIRM JURISDICTION OF THE PRESENT CIA SUBCOMMITTEE UNTIL THE SHOWDOWN COMES. THE CURRENT WATCHDOG GROUP CONSISTS OF THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE AND RUSSELL'S GROUP.

CLOSED OVERSIGHT OF THE CIA, LONG A CONCERN IN CONGRESS, BECAME AN ISSUE AGAIN LAST MONTH WHEN THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE VOTED 14 TO 5 FOR A RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD ENLARGE THE PRESENT WATCHDOG SUBCOMMITTEE BY INCLUDING THREE MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS GROUP.

SEN. EUGENE J. MCCARTHY, D-ALB., SPONSOR OF THE PLAN, CONTENDS THAT THE CIA EXERTS A HEAVY INFLUENCE ON U. S. FOREIGN POLICY BY SUCH PROJECTS AS THE ILL-FATED 1961 BAY OF PIGS INVASION OF CUBA.

MANIFESTED'S EARLY COMPROMISE EFFORTS WERE SAID TO HAVE INVOLVED A PLAN UNDER WHICH THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE WOULD SET UP ITS OWN PANEL TO SEEK INFORMATION FROM THE CIA.

IN THE PAST, ADM. WILLIAM F. BOGORN, DIRECTOR OF THE AGENCY, HAS TAKEN THE VIEW THAT SOME INFORMATION CAN BE SUPPLIED ONLY TO THE REGULAR SENATE AND HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEES. THERE WAS NO ASSURANCE THAT A NEW SUBCOMMITTEE COULD GET ALL THE INFORMATION IT SOUGHT.

SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER EVERETT M. DIRKSEN, ILL., DISCLOSED LAST WEEK THAT HE AND MANIFESTED HAD DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH PRESIDENT JOHNSON, PRESUMABLY TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF GETTING SUCH ASSURANCES. DIRKSEN DID NOT DISCLOSE THE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS, BUT THEY APPARENTLY LEFT THE ISSUE STILL IN DISPUTE.

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